

Editorial Comments.

A detective employed at \$25 a week, claims that Memphis is as dry as a powder horn.

Appendicitis claimed a prominent victim last week, in Geo. W. Vanderbilt, of New York.

One more week of the Legislature remains and the Rules Committees in both Houses are in control.

Col. Roosevelt now has a grandson named Derby, which sounds mighty like his hat is still in the ring.

Wm. G. Conrad, a Montana millionaire, said to be worth \$25,000,000, died in Winchester, Va., Friday.

Prince William, the newly appointed King of Albania, arrived Saturday and was given a warm welcome.

Sentimentalists are appealing to Mrs. Wilson to save Mrs. Wakefield, the Connecticut husband-killer, from execution.

The Christian community in India is relatively insignificant—less than one and a quarter per cent of the whole population.

President Wilson is evidently making an unusual effort to see into the Mexican embroglio. He visited an occultist Saturday.

Mr. Beckham will open his campaign for Senator March 16, at Elizabethtown, which appears to be one of his strongholds.

The Duncan Hotel in Nashville went into the hands of a receiver last week, with liabilities of \$140,000. It is one of the landmarks of Nashville.

Eleven sailors who took to the boats when the steamer Tower sank off the Jersey coast were rescued nearly frozen, after some of them had lost consciousness.

The income tax law bids fair to live up to the expectations of the administration by producing about \$50,000,000 annually in revenue paid by close to 425,000 individuals.

Dr. Anna Shaw is to inaugurate a suffrage campaign in the South. She will have no difficulty in making suffragettes out of the colored women, but further than that she is on a cold trail.

Great Britain has filed a complaint that another Englishman named Snyder, has been driven away from his ranch in Chihuahua by Villa's followers and protection is asked for him. It is feared that he, like Benton, will be murdered.

One of the best clubbing propositions we have ever offered is to send the Weekly Cincinnati Enquirer and four other periodicals with the Kentuckian, at one year for \$2.70. Since the Courier-Journal no longer issues a weekly, the Enquirer is the best paper we know of to take its place.

Geo. W. Vanderbilt, multimillionaire philanthropist and sportsman, died of heart failure in Washington Friday, aged 52. He was the founder of the town of Biltmore, N. C., surrounded by a vast estate of 140,000 acres. He was the youngest son of W. H. Vanderbilt and leaves only one child, a daughter.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, has introduced a bill which would authorize the creation of a commission to acquire for the government by purchase or condemnation the home of Thomas Jefferson at Monticello, Va. Representative Levy, of New York, who owns the property, has declined frequently to consider selling it.

Rev. Samuel Daughtry, aged 18, is the youngest pastor in Kentucky. He announced a few weeks ago that he desired to preach and Rev. John W. Lewis appointed him to the pastorate of the Zion Methodist church in Barren County. He is still a student at Ogden College and has won several medals for oratory. He will enter Vanderbilt University in the fall and retain his pastorate.

ONE MORE
WEEK IS ALL

That is Left of The Session
Of the General As-
sembly.

LOCAL BILLS IN DANGER

Piled up In a Mass of 900—
Other Measures at Mercy
of Rules Committee.

Frankfort, Ky., March 9.—The defeat in the house by an almost unanimous viva voce vote, of the bill to enlarge the powers and increase the duties of the state board of health was the outstanding feature, insofar as the state-at-large is concerned, of Saturday's session of the legislature. Representative J. N. McCormack, of Bowling Green, former member of the state board of health, spoke nearly an hour in behalf of the measure.

The Clay bill, to enable Jefferson county to adopt the commission form of government January 1, 1916, which passed the senate Thursday night by an overwhelming majority, was reported in the house March 7. Speaker Terrell referred the bill to the committee on municipalities over the protest of Representative Adam Spahn, of Louisville, who wanted it referred to suffrage and elections, of which he is a member.

Over in the senate the day's session was of little interest. Five bills were passed, but none of them was of state-wide interest.

With the Rules Committees in charge, no bills can now be called up without it is done with the consent of those committees.

The two bills for which 1000 voters of Hopkinsville petitioned are lost in the pile of 900 other bills. The Bosworth commission bill has passed the senate and is in the house with a favorable report. The Duffy classification bill has passed the house and has been favorably reported in the senate. The slightest amendment will send the bills back and at a time when they have one chance in 900 to pass.

GRINDING
BUT SLOWLY

Only Minor Matters Are Set For
Trial During This
Week.

But little has been done in Circuit Court since last report.

The second case of Mrs. Josephine Davis against the city, was tried Saturday and a verdict returned for the city. Mrs. Davis sought to hold the city responsible for the overflow of her property, which lies on the river bank.

The case of Bobby Moore vs. the Tennessee Central Railroad Co., was then taken up and was tried yesterday. The woman sued for being put off a train at Fidelity. The other juries were dismissed until today.

The case of Tom West vs. the City is set for today. Mr. West drove his buggy into a rope across Main street that formed a barricade around the house of M. C. Forbes during a case of critical illness, and broke his buggy. A lighted lantern had been placed on the rope.

Driskill-Boyd.

Mr. Homer P. Driskill, of this city, and Miss Lanna M. Boyd, of Crofton, were married one day last week, by Rev. J. T. Clevenger, in the Crofton Hotel. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Boyd, who operate the Crofton Hotel. She is quite a handsome and attractive young woman. The groom is an employee of the Singer Sewing Machine Company.

SCHEME TO
DEFRAUD

Man Tried to Swindle The Pub-
lic By Magazine Sub-
scriptions.

MAN ARRESTED IN ALABAMA.

Same Scheme Was Worked In
Hopkinsville Last Sum-
mer.

Last August a young lady giving her name as Stella Locke, of Knoxville, Tenn., took subscription in this city in the name of the Metropolitan Circulating Co., 116 Nassau St., New York, for a combination of periodicals for 49 cents. The club included Photo Play three months, Woman's World and Spare Moments one year and McClure's Magazine three months. The receipt contained a notice that a reward would be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person using the firm name for fraudulent purposes. The young lady told a story that she was collecting money to complete her education and nearly everybody approached handed her half a dollar and let her keep the change.

The periodicals never came. One of the victims wrote to the Metropolitan Circulating Co., and the answer came stating that it would be necessary to see the number on the receipt. The number was supplied, the receipt being retained, and no further notice was ever paid to the complaint. The following press dispatch looks like the same scheme was worked in Florida:

Montgomery, Ala., March 7.—W. Lane Moore, the Georgian who was arrested by the federal authorities here several weeks ago on a charge of using the mails in promotion of a scheme to defraud, has been released from the county jail and has been taken to Georgia, where it is stated he was placed in a sanitarium for mental treatment.

According to the federal authorities, Moore was arrested after an investigation into magazine subscriptions in Tampa, Fla. It is alleged that Moore conducted an agency, hired numerous pretty girl solicitors and offered a number of standard magazines for 49 cents a year. The magazines, it is declared, were never forthcoming.

When Moore was arrested, he claimed the case was one of mistaken identity.

THREE MEETINGS
Of The Council Held, Last One
Last Night.

The City Council held a called session Thursday night to audit accounts and the regular session Friday night, which latter session was adjourned till last night, at which it was expected that Manager Fitch, of the Kentucky Public Service Co., would appear to discuss a new electric light contract for street lights. The old contract for about \$7,500 expired Nov. 16.

A committee from the Business Men's Association appeared Friday night and asked that the sprinkling contract of last year be renewed and a temporary arrangement was made to start the sprinkler this week. Only routine matters were attended to.

Escaped Alive.

Mrs. William Collier and her three young children have returned to their former home at Millersburg after having witnessed a battle between Federals and revolutionists on their ranch near Tampico, Mexico.

INSURANCE
BILL A LAW

Governor McCreary Affixed His
Signature Saturday
Afternoon.

COMPANIES MAY WITHDRAW

Agents of 125 Companies Have
Received Orders To
Stop Writing.

Frankfort, Ky., March 9.—The Glenn insurance bill, passage of which by the legislature is reported to have caused many important foreign and domestic fire insurance companies to notify their agents to cease doing business in Kentucky, became a law Saturday when Governor McCreary signed the measure. The new law creates a state rating bureau, empowered to regulate insurance rates and provides for a tax of one per cent on all fire insurance premiums, the tax being collectible on the basis of the business of the preceding year. The money derived from this tax shall be used to pay salaries and expenses of the rating bureau in its work.

Threaten To Withdraw.

Lexington, Ky., March 9.—Among the companies which Saturday notified agents that they would withdraw from Kentucky are the Commercial Union of New York and London and the Palantine of London. Agents of 125 companies received orders two weeks ago to cease operating temporarily and consequently no insurance has been written by them in that period.

State officers say the Glenn measure only adds \$45,000 to the State levy on all companies operating in the State. Conditions are said to be similar to those in the state of Missouri two years ago.

PLANNING
BIG PLANT

Ellis Ice & Coal Company May
Erect a \$30,000 Ad-
dition.

The Ellis Ice & Coal Company, who own a fifty-ton capacity ice plant, have announced they will make additions to their plant that will possibly cost \$30,000. The company will erect a large cold storage plant covering half a square on a lot adjoining their present plant. In addition to renting storage to anybody who wants it they will buy butter, eggs, poultry, fruits and vegetables for the city markets. A well equipped slaughterhouse will be an adjunct and all the poultry will be killed and dressed before shipping.

The work of installing the boilers necessary to operate the new plant has already been begun and the erection of the cold storage plant will begin soon and be ready for the fall poultry trade.

Sent Home.

Frankfort Ky., March 9.—The state prison commission Friday paroled 25 children, ranging in ages from nine to 12 years, from the house of reform, and will send them back to the counties whence they came. Chairman O'Sullivan said that, carrying out the opinion of the commission, that the house of reform is not a proper place to send little children, the commission will return them to their homes as fast as they are sent there.

SHACKELFORD
BOOST BILL

Would Give County \$12,000 a
Year if State Aid Law is
Passed By Legislature.

LIST OF APPORTIONMENTS.

5c Tax on \$100 Would Take
\$6,500 From Christian and
Give Road Fund \$12,000.

The Shackelford good roads act which passed the house last Wednesday by a vote of 282 to 42, will if it becomes a law, give \$584,720 to Kentucky for good roads building, provided the same amount is raised by the counties through which the road pass.

The federal plan is to give annually from an appropriation of \$25,000,000 appropriations to each state. The requirement is a tax of only 5 cents on each \$100, which would produce a revenue of \$600,000 annually producing from these two sources \$1,183,750 which, when supplemented by a tax from the counties of an equal sum would provide \$2,367,500, or a sufficient income to build within eleven years 6,200 miles of road connecting every county seat in the state with every other one.

The amount apportioned to each state is reckoned on the percentage of total population and post road mileage in the state.

As Kentucky is one of the twenty-two states that have no road laws, each county desiring to receive federal aid may do so by applying to the governor, who will in turn apply to the secretary of agriculture, and if approved the county will receive its apportionment based on its population and mileage of its post roads.

The following is a statement of which each county in the state will pay in and what they will receive, none of which can go over \$12,000, or 2 per cent of the \$600,000 raised by the 5 per cent tax.

Counties with \$4,000,000 taxable property or less are Adair, Allen, Anderson, Ballard, Bracken, Bullitt, Butler, Caldwell, Carlisle, Carroll, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Crittenden, Cumberland, Edmonson, Elliott, Estill, Eloyd, Gallatin, Grayson, Johnson, Knott, Larue, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Livingston, Lyon, Magoffin, Martin, McClain, Meade, Menefee, Metcalf, Monroe, McCreary, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Powell, Robertson, Spencer, Taylor, Trimble and Wolfe, and these counties would pay in from \$500 to \$2,000 and under the state aid could take out \$12,000 as the limit of the 2 per cent assessment of the \$600,000 state tax.

The counties in the state with from \$4,000,000 to \$10,000,000 are Barren, Bath, Belle, Boyd, Boone, Breckinridge, Calloway, Fleming, Fulton, Grant, Greenup, Garrard, Hardin, Harlan, Henry, Hickman, Hopkins, Jessamine, Knox, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, Marion, Marshall, Mercer, Montgomery, Muhlenburg, Nelson, Ohio, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Pike, Pulaski, Simpson, Todd, Washington, Wayne, Webster and Whiteley. These counties would pay into the State \$2,000 to \$5,000 and could receive \$12,000.

The counties in the State with from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 are Boyle, Christian, Clark, Franklin, Graves, Harrison, Madison, Nicholas, Woodford and Union. These counties would pay in from \$5,000 to \$7,500 and would receive \$12,000.

The counties in the State with from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 are Daviess, Bourbon, Henderson, Mason, McCracken, Scott, Shelby, Warren, and these would pay into the State from \$7,500 to \$10,000 and would receive \$12,000.

The counties that will pay into the State on valuations over \$20,000,000 are Campbell, Fayette, Jefferson,

RANGERS
GET BODY

Enter Mexico and Disinter the
Corpse of Vergara and Bring
It To Texas.

RANCHMAN WAS TORTURED

Fingers Burned Off Before He
Was Finally Mur-
dered.

Austin, Texas, March 8.—Texas rangers last night crossed the international border into Mexico, disinterred the body of Clemente Vergara, Texas ranchman, in the Hidalgo cemetery, and returned it to American soil.

The official report of Captain Saunders on the incident was given out by the executive department. It said, simply:

"I proceeded to Hidalgo, secured Vergara's body, and returned it to Laredo."

The rangers were not opposed, accomplishing their search without the slightest violence, taking the body from a grave in Hidalgo cemetery, almost in sight of the Texas border. The seizure was divested of possibly grave aspects in international complications by reason of the fact that the rangers were practically making use of permission granted officially by Mexican federal authorities several days ago for recovery of the body. This permission had been given to United States Consul Alonzo Garrett, at Nuevo Laredo, but he did not get the body, because of what he reported as dangers attending search for it in the immediate vicinity of Hidalgo.

Ranchman Tortured.

Vergara was shot twice through the head and once through the neck, his skull was crushed as by a blow from a rifle butt, and the charred fingers of the left hand indicated that he had been tortured before being put to death.

Identification was made by the dead man's son and by numerous friends, many of whom were in the party of nine, led by the state border patrol, which made the grim journey to the Hidalgo cemetery during the early morning hours.

The body was brought into the United States at a point 45 miles northeast of Laredo, opposite Hidalgo and near the Vergara ranch. American Consul Garrett of Nuevo Laredo, deputy sheriffs and other authorities were waiting to receive it, and pending the arrival of an undertaker from Laredo, an armed force stood guard over the body.

"DOCK" BOYD DEAD
Native of Christian Passes Away
in Florida.

Mr. A. F. Boyd, familiarly known as "Dock" Boyd, died at Bostwick, Fla., March 3. He had not enjoyed good health for several years. Mr. Boyd was reared in this county and lived many years on his farm a few miles Northeast of Gracey. Later he resided in this city but moved to Northeast Christian. About the first of December last he moved to Florida with his son, Wilbur Boyd, and took up his residence near Bostwick. He was about seventy years old and a member of the Baptist church. The interment took place at Bostwick.

Kenton, and these four counties as a whole would pay into the State about \$240,000 or 40 per cent of the total State tax and could only take out \$12,000; but these counties have declared themselves for good roads and this amount would assist in the expenditure.